

loose thread appended from the top of the anthera-bearing filament to the corolla below. The whole flower is of a bright yellow, and the tube and corolla somewhat hirsute.

G. marantina. Filamenti appendiculo bilunato, spicâ foliis brevioribus, bracteis latè ellipticis calyce longioribus.

Linn. Mant. 2. 170. *Sm. Exot. Bot.* v. 2. 85. t. 103.

Colebrookea bulbifera. *Donn. Hort. Cant.* 1.

Bot. Gard. Liverpool. Flowered in October 1805, but not freely. It is often viviparous, producing bulbs instead of flowers.

ADDITIONAL NOTE.

SINCE the foregoing paper was read to the Society it has been discovered by Dr. Smith, from a comparison of a living specimen with that preserved in the Linnæan Herbarium, that the plant lately introduced into this country under the name of *Colebrookea bulbifera* is in fact the *Globba marantina* of Linnæus, and the only species of the genus which Linnæus professes to have seen. How this plant, which is truly scitamineous, with the double anthera supported by a single filament and embracing the style, could be referred by Linnæus to the class *Diandria*, whilst the rest of its congeners were included under *Monandria*, it is difficult to conceive; as well as to reconcile his description in other respects with the appearance of the plant. The most probable causes of such a series of errors are stated by Dr. Smith, *Exot. Bot.* vol. 2. p. 85. tab. 103. In consequence of this discovery I have adopted the name of *Globba*, which genus should be removed from *Diandria* to *Monandria*.

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This alteration will excite the less regret, as the other Linnæan species of *Globba* are very different plants, and will probably be referred either to some of the present genera of *Monandria*, or will form new genera not yet described. The heterogeneous assemblage of which the *Diandrian* genus of *Globba* now consists, cannot in the present rapid progress of the science long remain united.

But whilst the *Monandrian* genus *Globba* will thus necessarily exclude many of the plants at present erroneously enumerated as species, it will admit several others of which specimens exist in Sir Joseph Banks's and Dr. Buchanan's collections; and among the rest the *Hura Siamensium* of Retzius; a plant which it has been hitherto found impracticable to reduce to any determinate genus. For this information I am also indebted to Dr. Smith; from whose further researches, aided by the excellent figures of Mr. Sowerby in *Exotic Botany*, we may shortly hope for a full elucidation of this very difficult subject; my acknowledgments are also due to Mr. Dryander, whose intimate acquaintance with this tribe of plants is well known, and who has done me the honour of perusing the preceding arrangement, since it was read before the Society, and of suggesting several valuable remarks.